Sunday, March 14, 1999 - 9:30 a.m.

It's good you remember some of my remarks. You are right to value your personal cleanliness and appearance. My comment that day was meant only to insist on the fact that inner beauty is more important than the physical aspect.

"You saw in this report how devoutly Bauls live, the beauty of their faith, what they endure to go to these great celebrations, as well as their poverty. You cannot understand the Indian soul or the way these people live. You do not have the same priorities. It is another world in spite of the progress taking place in some parts of this country; but can one call this a progress? This is another ideological debate, which we don't have to address here. You are at the dawn of an era of spirituality; there will be a lot of trial and error and heartbreak to reach the goal.

"Religions have influenced people's minds so much. A universal movement must be established on the Earth, which will unify devotion beyond dogmas and rites.

"You abhyasis, you belong to this redeeming trend. Through your personal work and what you further relay, you are preparing this future spiritual movement that will bring them together, instead of dividing them and making them kill one another in the name of principles—not even respecting the ideas of the masters who taught them.

"We will revert to this chapter. You should know that everything you do in your regular sadhana represents a negligible but constructive contribution to this new state of mind for future times. We are developing, building stone by stone, a new edifice where, unlike now, some men will not have in mind the sole idea of destroying their enemies, i.e. those who do not think like them. In troubled times,

it is good to think of a more serene future for the Earth. You are precursors, but do not imagine, either, that you are the only ones following the right way. Do not fall into this trap. The errors of the past should not be repeated as well as man's annoying tendency of believing that only he possesses the truth. You said, my daughter, that my criticisms were blessings; you are wise. Our criticisms, often, are misunderstood. A severely wounded person whose wounds are touched suffers necessarily; this is only a human reaction. There are different types of criticisms. You must go beyond that and bear in mind that your Masters have one goal only: to help you. This should be recognized, otherwise no progress can be made. Soul-searching is important. Any spiritual path entails this personal work.

"Rest a little, and meditate. You see, it is well when you are able to relax. Our contacts should not, on any account, create tensions in you. For the birthday, don't worry. People who must be with you will be there. You know well that your life is essentially remote-controlled. Do not plan anything; provide for some whim."

The Medium: "Will you come, Babuji?"

"How can you ask this question?"

The Medium: "Forgive me. I am always amazed, like a little girl before the Christmas tree, for the graces you bestow on me."

"Let's leave off here, today. Maintain your meetings, and include in them moments of joint reflection on selected aspects of the messages, for example.

"Do not forget that you are scouting ahead. Be blessed, my daughter; convey this to your friends."

Babuji